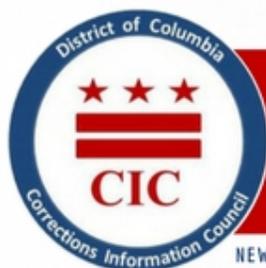


# CIC February Bulletin

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## CIC BULLETIN

NEWS FROM DC CORRECTIONS INFORMATION COUNCIL

### Message from the Executive Director



Our spring interns have joined us for the semester, and we are excited to welcome Jessica Longacre and Christian Wasik as part of our team. The CIC continues to advance our mission by recruiting brilliant minds of the future generation through our ongoing partnership with The Washington Center.

The transition from January to February has been busy and exciting for the CIC. We held our first quarterly open board meeting for the year, where we discussed best practices for work productivity, agency marketing, and CIC Board involvement. We also completed our 2020 Performance Oversight Hearing before DC Councilmember Charles Allen, where we discussed upcoming facility inspections, status of MOUs, staffing, and recommendations from previous inspections. Additionally, CIC Program Analyst Kareem McCraney and I were guests on Roach Brown's radio show on WAMU, "Crossroads", at the historic Ben's Chili Bowl restaurant, where we discussed halfway houses in DC, reentry resources, and prison reform. Last month, I attended the American Correctional Association's (ACA) Winter

Conference in San Diego, CA in order to increase the CIC's visibility and learn about new trends in the corrections industry. The ACA is a nonprofit trade association that was formed in 1870, and serves as the accrediting body for most correctional departments in the country, including the Bureau of Prisons and the DC Department of Corrections.

The CIC plans to visit the Central Detention Facility (CDF) and the Central Treatment Facility (CTF) in the coming weeks for our annual DOC inspection. We have also finalized our fiscal year 2020 facility inspection list. I will inform the community as the dates for those inspections near. The 2020 inspection of Hope Village is complete, and the report is currently in progress. Even though the physical inspection is complete, we continue to welcome any feedback from community constituents and current or past residents of Hope Village. You may provide feedback by contacting the CIC directly at (202) 478-9211, or emailing us at [dccic@dc.gov](mailto:dccic@dc.gov).



*From left to right: CIC Program Analyst, Kareem McCraney; WPFW's Crossroads Show Host, Roach Brown; CIC Executive Director, Donald Isaac; and Interfaith Action for Human Rights Vice-Chairperson, Kimberly Jenkins- Snodgrass.*

-Donald Isaac, Sr.



## IRAA Updates

Two more beneficiaries of IRAA had motions granted to reduce their sentences. One was released this week, and the other is awaiting re-sentencing. Two petitions were denied in the month of January. If a petitioner is denied, IRAA requires a three year wait from the date of the denial to apply for another re-sentencing hearing. If he is denied, he can apply once more. If the third motion is denied, he cannot reapply.

## DOC Response to Lock down Allegations

Last month, there were social media allegations about a lock down at DC Jail . In response to inquires from the CIC, the Department of Corrections stated that they are "dedicated to the safety and security of the men and women in our care. This is our routine security process. This is a normal correctional practice and activity designed to limit contraband and support resident and staff safety."

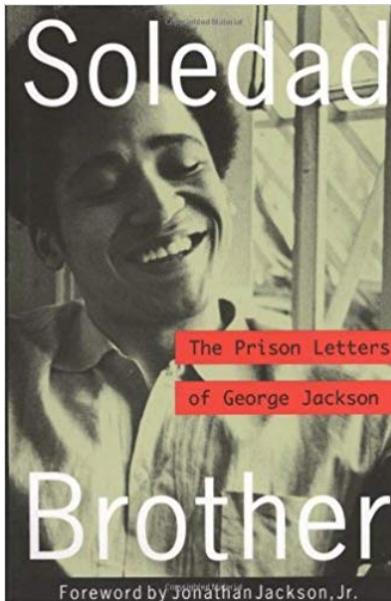
## Upcoming Community Events

- Community Family Life Services (CFLS) is hosting its next Women-Centric Criminal Justice Discussion on February 19, 2020 at 12:30pm. Nancy Ware, former director of CSOSA, will address issues involving women and probation. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lunch, and dessert will be provided. RSVP to Miracle at [mgsmith@cflsdc.org](mailto:mgsmith@cflsdc.org) For more information, click [HERE](#).
- The DC Health HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, TB Administration (HAHSTA) has received a community engagement grant from the CDC to explore the needs of special populations as relative to health and wellness in the DC area. HAHSTA will be conducting focus groups for returning citizens on February

21 from 12:30pm -2:30pm: one for men, one for women, and one co-ed event  
Twenty spots are available, so all participants must RSVP. Lunch will be provided! RSVP [HERE](#).

- The 2020 NCJA Policy Summit takes place March 9, 2020 at the Hall of States at 444 North Capital Street, NW DC. It is open to NCJA members, member agencies, staff, and stakeholders. Participation is limited to 60 attendees to allow for interactive discussions and networking opportunities. Registration is \$195 per person. [Register here!](#)

## What We're Reading: Transformation and Revolution



### **Soledad Brother: The Prison Letters of George Jackson**

*by George Jackson*

*Soledad Brother* is a personal account of the American prison system. It is a collection of Jackson's letters from prison. Jackson's letters portray intense feelings of anger and rebellion, which inundated black men in America's prisons during the 1960s.



**The CIC is on Instagram!**  
**Follow us @dc\_cic for updates, useful information, and events!**

**\*\*The CIC will be *taking over* the @DCNatives IG page on Monday, February 24, 2020. Follow the DC Native journey as we explore the CIC and DC!\*\***



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